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1. The National Democratic Party is currently being built up by state "provisional action committees", each composed of three men, under which there are sub-committees on administration and on propaganda. The following names of committee members are available:

Brandenburg

Viktor Marwitz  
Richard Fortanier  
Dr. Willi Bruns

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Walter Semmerau  
Rudolf Krenke  
Alfons Willenberg

Mecklenburg

Friedrich Fiedler  
Siegfried Gablenz  
Horst Winkler

Zonal Committee

Dr. Koltzenburg, Brandenburg  
"Professor" Heilmann, Saxony-Anhalt  
Leskowitz (Laskowitz?)  
ex-Major von Studnitz, formerly in the press section of  
the OKH, later a propaganda officer in the Balkans;  
captured by the Russians, and joined the Nationalkomitee  
Freies Deutschland

Koltzenburg and Heilmann may become chairman and deputy chairman of the party, respectively, unless indeed it is possible to obtain as first chairman some more distinguished personality.

2. The founding assemblies were not summoned by the action committees. This was done in Brandenburg by Dr. Koltzenburg himself, while the executive secretary or business manager of the action committee in

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that state is Georg Fielitz.

- 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Fielitz joined the NSDAP in 1932. He was an engineer in the German naval service, and toward the end of the war was in charge of the production of certain secret naval weapons in Dresden; his last rank was Naval Staff Engineer. After the war he became a member of the SED, and until 15 June 1948 he was an official in the Administration of State-Owned Enterprises. It is asserted that he gave up this post on order of the SMA to devote himself to the work of the NDP, through which he hopes to obtain a good position in a future "Ministry of Industrial Economy".
3. For the present at least, the inner circle of the zonal committee makes its headquarters in a hotel in Potsdam. A meeting will be held there on 12 July 1948 for the discussion of organizational and propaganda questions, with addresses by Leskowitz, Studnitz, and Fielitz.
  4. The same group (engerer Vorstand) has issued a secret order that the provisional action committees must submit to party headquarters by 21 June the names of those representatives who are to engage in propaganda work among the public. These persons should not be known as members of the SED, and membership in the other "bloc" parties is also considered undesirable. Where possible, candidates should be chosen from among former officers and non-commissioned officers of the German armed forces. Biographical details must be submitted to Dr. Koltzenburg, in care of the party headquarters, not later than 25 June.

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